Dear Sir/Madam:

P[illegible] do not DESTROY or disregard [illegible] letter.

While I realize that this could easily be your first impulse as it is so often mine when I receive unsolicited mail-it is important that you at least consider the contents.

I say this because the very validity of this project depends entirely on your eminence as a person-for there can be little doubt that future generations will consult and evaluate,the searching,incisive or just common sense comments you may feel free to make.

On Monday September 28,1964,when the Warren Commission finally released their voluminous report on the assassination of President Kennedy,they had this to say,in Chapter One,Summary & Conclusion:

> "The assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy on November 22,1962 was a cruel and shocking act of violence directed against a man,a family,a nation and against all mankind."

On the whole,I believe that one compassionate sentence from the report has been accepted with universal unanmity but unfortunately,the report itself-despite an enthusiastic endorsement by Louis Nizer-has not been as well received.

In October 1965,a book titled"The Unanswered Questions about the Assassination of President Kennedy" written by Sylvan Fox-a Pulitzer Prize reporter-unleashed a whole gravamen of grave doubts at the Warren Commission's considerable sins of OMISSION.

Following in February 1966,at the annual meeting of The American Academy of Forensic Sciences convening in Chicago,several of a panel of experts made up of doctors,lawyers,criminologists et al went on record as being"appalled" at the "unprofessional" modus operandi of the Warren Commission in arriving at a historical decision.

In view of these distinguished demurrers what I should like to ascertain is:

ARE YOU for the most part in agreement with the conclusions of the Warren Commission that this crazed act was the work of ONE and ONLY ONE assassin

Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Casp
Mr. Calla
Mr. Conr
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Tavel
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from the technicalities and nology of the report-

and this is somewhat personal:

WHERE WERE YOU on that fateful Friday and what were your IMMEDIATE reactions to this terrible calamity?

Naturally, I would appreciate whatever recollections or reflections you may be able to summon up.

Copies of this letter are being addressed to a spectrum of opinion all the way from Bertrand Russell to Bill Buckley and from General Edwin Walker all the way to Dwight David Eisenhower. It will include a cross section of personalities, politicos, clergymen, lawyers and all shades of newsmen.

Arthur Schlesinger Jr. in his Boswellian account of the Kennedy era, "A Thousand Days"-and some 1,100 pages-fails to even mention the existence of a Lee Harvey Oswald and this is how he defends his notable omission as reported by -Bob Considine, March 10, 1966.

> "My feeling about the murder of President Kennedy is that it was motivated not by politics, but by madness, and my point about Dallas in "A Thousand Days" was that a city of such exceptional hysteria and violence might well subvert the already twisted psyche of a weak and impressionable man like Oswald and lead him to terrible actions.
> The issue in short, seemed to me not a question of ideology, whether Right or Left but irrationality vs rationality."

This is an opinion Marvin Belli also shares in his "Dallas Justice" but I am not certain whether YOU agree with this rationale. Possibly, there can be no consensus. Whatever thoughts you do have will certainly be most appreciated.

Naturally, I am not expecting an avalanche of responses considering my awesome anonymity and a possible reticence concerning the inquiry but whatever replies I receive, I hopefully expect to form the basis of an article.

P.S. You are one of my favorite Americans

Thanking you,

Very truly yours,

Charles E. Stanton

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